



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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### **Library to Show Documentary Film “Street Fight” on June 27** *Film Received Audience Award at the 2005 Tribeca Film Festival*

**SAN DIEGO** – The City of San Diego Public Library will host a screening of the documentary film “Street Fight” on Monday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. The event will be co-presented by the Association of Independent Video & Film Makers – San Diego chapter. The screening is FREE to the public.

Winner of the Audience Award at the 2005 Tribeca Film Festival in New York City, “Street Fight” covers the turbulent campaign of Cory Booker, a 32-year old Rhodes Scholar/Yale Law graduate running for mayor of Newark, N.J., against Sharpe James, the four-term incumbent twice his age. An urban David and Goliath story, the film chronicles the young man’s struggle against the city’s entrenched political machine, which routinely uses strong-arm tactics to hold onto power.

The battle sheds light on important questions about democracy, power, poverty and race. When the mayor accuses the Ivy League-educated challenger of not being “really black,” the campaign forces voters to examine how we define race in America.

Sharon Elise, Ph.D., a professor from the Sociology Department at California State University, San Marcos, will facilitate a discussion following the screening.

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\* This film screening is part of the Public Broadcast System’s POV series and will be broadcast nationally on July 5 at 10 p.m. Since 1988 P.O.V. has brought the best of independent point-of-view documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America's most innovative documentary filmmakers to build new communities in conversation about today's most pressing social issues.

\* AIVF is a 30-year old national trade association based in New York City, providing support to individual media artists and producers. Established by a group of independent filmmakers, AIVF is the largest national organization representing independent media artists working at all levels across all genres. The San Diego Salon is focused on the technical side of filmmaking for both the novice and advanced filmmaker. Running since the fall of 1996, the salon is an active sponsor of several local independent media events.

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